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[Telegram.]

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., May 19, 1904.

WYMAN, Washington:

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PURNELL.

*Cans and bottles on vacant lots, breeding places for mosquitoes.*

The following is received from Passed Assistant Surgeon Richardson:

I have the honor to report that during the latter part of last week this entire section was visited by several heavy rains, and that in consequence empty cans, bottles, and other possible containers in back yards and vacant lots have been filled with water. In order to do away with these breeding places as much as possible, I have addressed a letter to the city authorities, a copy of which I inclose.

[Inclosure.]

LAREDO, TEX., May 16, 1904.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the recent heavy rains have filled hundreds of tin cans, bottles, and other water containers standing on vacant lots in this city, thereby creating as many breeding places for the dangerous *Stegomyia* mosquito.

If, during the next few days, the entire street-cleaning and other available forces of the city were to collect these various containers and dispose of them by burning or otherwise, much good would be accomplished.

This work is of such importance that I have recently had the fumigating gang, the only force now at my disposal, engaged in it.

Respectfully,

T. F. RICHARDSON,  
Passed Assistant Surgeon.

The MAYOR, CITY OF LAREDO,  
*Laredo, Tex.*

*City ordinance, Corpus Christi, for prevention of diseases conveyed by mosquitoes.*

The following is received from Passed Assistant Surgeon Richardson, under date of May 18:

I transmit herewith clipping from the Corpus Christi (weekly) Caller, edition of May 18, relative to ordinance passed by city council with a view to preventing contagious or infectious diseases.

It is interesting to note that the text and nearly all of the regulations are the same as those embodied in the Laredo city ordinance of the 23d of April, 1904, based upon the memorandum prepared by the Bureau and published in Public Health report, page 516, March 25, 1904.

[Inclosure.]

CORPUS CHRISTI, May 7, 1904.

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City Council of the City of Corpus Christi, Tex.:

GENTLEMEN: In the matter of the ordinance for the prevention of yellow fever and other infectious and contagious diseases, referred to me by you at the last meeting of your body, I have to report that on